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SUBJ: UNESCO MEETING OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS TO DRAFT A DECLARATION
ON RACISM AND RACIAL PREJUDICE

REF: A THE HAGUE 98; B. STATE 7723, C. PARIS 1005, D. THE HAGUE 193

1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION ON OTHER UN ISSUES, MFA DIRECTOR
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TERWISSCHA VAN SCHELTINGA RAISED
FORTHCOMING MEETING OF UNESCO EXPERTS TO DRAFT RESOLUTION ON RACE
AND RACIAL PREJUDICE. TERWISSCHA INDICATED THAT EC-9 AT PRESENT
HAVE NOT ARRIVED AT COMMON POSITION. FRANCE, AND TO CERTAIN
EXTENT ITALY AND IRELAND, APPEAR SOMEWHAT MORE DISPOSED TO RISK
PARTICIPATION IN MEETING THAN OTHER EC-9 MEMBERS. TERWISSCHA
DREW ATTENTION TO PUBLICLY STATED GON POLICY OF NONPARTICIPATION
IN DECADE TO ELIMINATE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (FOREIGN MINISTER
VAN DER STOEL IN RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION). HE
POINTED OUT THAT FORTHCOMING UNESCO EXPERTS MEETING TECHNICALLY
MIGHT BE REGARDED AS NOT PART OF DECADE SINCE EXPERTS WERE MEETING
PURSUANT TO UNESCO-ORIGINATED ACTIVITY PRIOR TO GA DECIDE ACTION.
HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT PARIS MEETING WOULD PROBABLY
RESULT IN LINKAGE WITH RES 3379(XXX), IN WHICH CASE DUTCH WOULD
WITHDRAW. ON OTHER HAND HE NOTED POSSIBILITY THAT THIS MIGHT NOT
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HAPPEN AND MOVE TO POSTPONE MEETING OR ACTION MIGHT SUCCEED. HE

WENT ON TO CONVEY, AS HAD VAN VLOTEN (THE HAGUE 98) GON DISTASTE
FOR BOYCOTTS.

2. ELABORATING ON THIS THEME, HE FORESAW POSSIBILITY OF ATTEMPTS
TO CREATE LINKAGE WITH UNGA 3379 IN OTHER FORUMS, SUCH AS HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION AND ECOSOC, AND WONDERED WHETHER RIGID ADHERENCE
TO BOYCOTTING ALL SUCH MEETING WOULD BE SENSIBLE POLICY. HE
CONCLUDED BY MENTIONING VANCOUVER HABITANTCONFERENCE (THE HAGUE 98)
AND NOTED THAT IN CASES WHERE SUBJECT MATTEROF SUCH A CONFERENCE
CLEARLY DISTINGUISHABLE FROM POLITICAL ISSUES TIED UP IN 3379,
GON WOULD NOT WISH TO ABSENT ITSELF.
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